



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1341

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Bal Harbour Village Cutwalk and Fire Access Restoration project focuses on ensuring public safety, emergency accessibility, and infrastructure resilience by reconstructing the critical fire access path adjacent to the new seawall along Bakers Haulover Inlet. These improvements will provide a durable, vehicle-grade surface for emergency responders while enhancing the overall functionality and longevity of this essential access route. By reconstructing hardscape, subsurface infrastructure, and related components, the project will ensure the cutwalk remains a safe and reliable corridor for fire and emergency services, protecting residents, businesses, and visitors. The restored pathway will improve pedestrian access, enhancing connectivity between the beach and adjacent properties. This investment in safety and infrastructure will help maintain compliance with state and county emergency access regulations while preserving the Village's commitment to resilient and safe public spaces.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	655,125
Total State Funds Requested	655,125

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	655,125	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	655,125	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,310,250	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

The ongoing operations and maintenance of this project will be funded through local resort tax revenues.

11. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The improvements will be carried out by the Village and will take place within the boundaries of Bal Harbour Village.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding will cover expenses for the restoration and improvement of the cutwalk and fire access path, which must be removed and replaced in conjunction with or following the seawall replacement. This includes costs associated with contractors, procurement of materials and equipment for hardscape reconstruction, installation of pavers, and upgrades to subsurface infrastructure.	655,125
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		655,125

13. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The Village is replacing a critical seawall along Bakers Haulover Inlet on the south side, which requires the temporary removal of the adjacent cutwalk and fire access path. To ensure these critical emergency routes remain usable and viable, the Village seeks funding to restore and improve the cutwalk and fire access immediately after the seawall construction. This funding will help protect public safety by maintaining essential emergency vehicle access while allowing the necessary seawall work.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Yes, the requested funds will directly benefit citizens by ensuring the safe and reliable restoration of the cutwalk and fire access path, which are essential for emergency response and public safety. Activities include hardscape reconstruction, subsurface infrastructure upgrades, and related work to maintain a durable and accessible route for fire and emergency vehicles.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The funding will ensure the safe and immediate restoration of the cutwalk and fire access path, providing uninterrupted emergency vehicle access to protect residents, businesses, and visitors. This includes rebuilding a durable, drivable surface, upgrading subsurface infrastructure, and restoring related components to maintain public safety and accessibility.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The project primarily serves residents, business owners, visitors, and emergency responders who rely on safe and efficient access along Bakers Haulover Inlet. This project ensures that fire and emergency vehicles can reach the back of properties and the beach to provide critical life safety services. The restored pathway will benefit the entire Bal Harbour community, including approximately 3,000 residents, numerous business establishments, and thousands of visitors who frequent the area each year. Additionally, first responders from local fire and emergency services will directly benefit from improved accessibility, allowing for faster and safer emergency response. The project's impact extends beyond daily use, as it plays a crucial role in maintaining public safety and infrastructure resilience for the entire community.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The project is expected to enhance public safety by ensuring reliable emergency vehicle access and maintaining compliance with state and county regulations. The primary benefit is the restoration of a durable and accessible fire access path, allowing emergency responders to reach properties and the beach efficiently. Improvements in accessibility and service efficiency can be assessed through response times of emergency vehicles before and after the project. Inspections and usage assessments will help verify that the reconstructed pathway meets emergency vehicle accessibility standards. Additionally, compliance can be confirmed through inspections from relevant regulatory agencies upon project completion.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

In the event that Bal Harbour Village fails to meet specified deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract for administering appropriated funds, clear penalties should be incorporated into the contract's terms. These penalties may include financial reimbursement, Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs), escalation mechanisms, a dispute resolution process, and transparent reporting.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.